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EXPLANATORY NOTES

Introduction

The Digest contains the latest available figures at the time of issue for a selection of monthly and quarterly series. Where possible, series are shown both in their original and seasonally adjusted form.

Seasonal adjustment

2. Measures of variability and details of the methods used in seasonally adjusting Bureau statistics are given in Appendixes D and C, respectively, of *Seasonally Adjusted Indicators* (1308.0). This annual publication also contains historical original and seasonally adjusted data in tabular and graphical form of a selection of the statistics appearing in the Bureau's monthly and quarterly publications.

3. As well as being adjusted for normal seasonal factors, some of the statistical series included in the Digest have been adjusted for the effects of calendar variations, namely, 'trading-day' effects (arising from the varying numbers of Sundays, Mondays, Tuesdays, etc. in a month) and the influence of movable holidays, such as Easter and Australia Day.

4. Most of the original and seasonally adjusted series are subject to revision.

Related publications

5. More detailed information is available in the *Monthly Summary of Statistics, Australia* (1304.0) (\$1.70). Publications from which the series in the Digest are derived are listed on page 8.

6. All current publications produced by the ABS are listed in *Catalogue of Publications* (1101.0) which is available free of charge from any ABS office.

Symbols and other usages

- p preliminary-figure or series subject to revision
- r figure or series revised since previous issue
- n.a. not available
- n.y.a. not yet available

7. Where figures have been rounded, discrepancies may occur between sums of the component items and totals.

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PRODUCTION

Month		Black coal '000 tonnes		Iron ore (a) '000 tonnes		Lead (b) '000 tonnes		Electricity mil. kWh		Gas (c) mil. megajoules		Raw steel '000 tonnes		Cement '000 tonnes		Motor vehicles (d) '000		Electric motor under 720 W '000	
		Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Original	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.
1978-79	February	7,242	6,973	22,214	34.4	6,820	7,694	18,892	22,879	596	639	429	439	38.1	38.6	219	238		
	March	7,464	7,076		37.0	7,426	7,653	20,823	23,090	638	616	478	452	41.3	37.8	277	259		
	April	5,709	6,743		32.1	7,143	7,713	22,212	23,677	665	684	389	393	29.9	32.8	209	249		
	May	8,209	6,901	18,255	40.7	8,261	7,848	25,076	23,571	671	640	456	437	48.1	39.4	233	235		
	June	7,087	6,752		34.5	8,240	7,550	26,884	23,334	637	662	457	453	43.0	43.3	241	246		
1979-80	July	6,513	6,424		36.5	8,977	7,802	30,611	24,805	686	686	468	434	42.8	41.1	259	241		
	August	6,853	7,140	24,667	39.4	8,991	7,967	30,228	25,225	706	725	453	436	45.5	41.8	315	272		
	September	7,384	7,359		33.5	8,026	7,925	26,762	24,731	705	727	456	442	40.2	36.3	344	301		
	October	8,353	7,116		38.4	7,911	7,858	25,885	25,134	734	686	461	444	45.0	37.5	331	274		
	November	8,418	7,181	26,550	32.9	7,510	7,972	23,328	25,529	674	711	476	437	42.4	37.0	349	294		
	December	5,344	7,294		28.1	7,381	8,028	21,930	25,660	749	740	422	443	28.8	34.4	291	310		
	January	5,854	7,633		n.y.a.	7,366	8,124	21,433	26,782	763	718	309	456	11.1	30.7	115	254		
	February	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	7,407	8,036	22,369	26,159	658	674	474	463	34.6	34.2	272	290		
	March	n.y.a.	n.y.a.		n.y.a.	7,613	7,896	24,486	27,159	628	611	449	434	33.5	31.9	284	270		

(a) Gross mine output. (b) Metallic contents of mine products. (c) Available for issue through mains; includes natural gas. (d) Includes vehicles which are disposed of by the manufacturer in a partly finished state.

PRODUCTION - continued

STOCKS (a)

PRODUCTION															Brokers and dealers receipts of taxable wool		Book value at end of quarter \$m	
Month	Cotton woven cloth (excl. towelling) '000 sq m		Woolen and worsted woven cloth (excl. blanketing) '000 sq m		Man-made fibre-cloth '000 sq m		Meat '000 tonnes		Price index manufacturing division (b)		Whole milk production all purposes mil. litres		Total receipts tonnes	% of total received by brokers (c)	Original	Seas. adj.		
	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.						
1978-79	February	3,027	2,871	702	624	11,603	229	244	241.5		435	476	35,128	70.3	21,231	21,254		
	March	4,264	3,924	689	595	12,411	243	232	244.7		376	460	41,661	71.6				
	April	2,766	3,332	511	587	10,156	199	218	248.7		290	461	32,642	73.1	21,989	21,936		
	May	3,599	3,442	617	582	13,802	216	195	252.1		243	474	32,935	73.5				
	June	4,491	3,837	598	681	13,868	182	181	255.3		231	479	23,386	71.6				
1978-80	July	3,921	3,804	711	712	13,765	190	185	259.2		312	478	43,007	74.8	23,111	23,025		
	August	4,091	3,246	755	719	13,479	214	208	261.5		484	512	79,058	76.9				
	September	4,925	4,536	719	750	12,021	211	215	263.3		617	501	86,064	75.9				
	October	3,745	3,254	885	709	14,870	237	213	266.6		726	457	117,187	73.4	24,224	24,351		
	November	3,659	3,092	989	835	13,159	202	191	269.3		709	456	89,906	74.5				
	December	3,544	4,479	683	796	9,514	165	187	272.2		633	443	48,522	75.1				
	January	1,630	4,192	435	790	5,895	181	191	276.4		530	432	(d)21,448	(d)69.9	n.y.a.	n.y.a.		
	February	3,476	3,083	908	775	11,666	176	174	282.9		421	440	36,800	73.2				
	March	3,207	3,308	900	824	12,168	165	163	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.					

(a) Owned by private enterprises in Australia. See publication 5630.0. (b) This index is on a 'net division' basis and relates in concept only to articles which are produced in the Manufacturing Division of ASIC (Division C) for sale or transfer outside the Division or for use as capital equipment. (c) Members of the National Council of Wool Selling Brokers of Australia. (d) Affected by major industrial dispute.

OVERSEAS TRANSACTIONS

Month	Total exports, value \$m		Total imports, value \$m		Value of merchandise at average 1974-75 prices (b) \$m		Export price index (revised) (a) All groups 1974-75 = 100	Balance on current account \$m	Net apparent capital inflow \$m	Official reserve assets (c) \$m	
					Exports	Imports	Original	Original	Original	Original	Seas. adj.
	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Seas. adj.	Seas. adj.					
1978-79											
February	1,130	1,207	1,051	1,133	2,596	2,114	146	-155	377	3,723	3,705
March	1,176	1,276	1,144	1,192			149	-297	179	3,600	3,605
April	1,248	1,251	1,120	1,215			156	-262	356	3,677	3,610
May	1,495	1,395	1,318	1,249	2,589	2,202	159	-170	231	3,824	3,758
June	1,406	1,378	1,288	1,370			161	-200	226	3,885	3,824
1979-80											
July	1,400	1,384	1,227	1,135			161	-205	75	3,865	3,814
August	1,301	1,247	1,325	1,232	2,569	2,001	162	-247	23	3,667	3,708
September	1,379	1,459	1,102	1,200			164	61	-256	3,858	3,893
October	1,635	1,584	1,476	1,347			169	-67	-37	4,106	4,129
November	1,679	1,612	1,371	1,317	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	172	-33	48	4,148	4,174
December	1,562	1,663	1,167	1,299			174	-21	-136	4,614	4,634
January	r1,742	r1,677	1,621	1,492			179	r-279	r501	6,386	6,453
February	r1,655	r1,697	1,445	1,511	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	r-122	r280	6,495	6,477
March	1,609	1,794	1,331	1,395			n.y.a.	-9	-78	5,627	n.y.a.

(a) Introduced in July 1979. For further detail see July 1979 issue of publication 6405.0. (b) Replaces estimates at average 1966-67 prices. See publication 5421.0. (c) From the end of June 1976 gold is valued at the average London gold price for the month converted to \$A at the market rate of exchange applying on the last day of the month.

INTERNAL TRADE

INTERNAL TRADE														Instalment credit for retail sales, finance companies and other business balances outstanding (e) \$m
Retail sales (a)														
Month	All items except motor vehicles, parts, petrol, etc. (b) \$m		Food and drink (b) \$m		Clothing, hardware, electrical and furniture (b) \$m		Other (b)(c) \$m		New motor cars and station wagons registered '000		Other new motor vehicles registered (d) '000			
	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.		
1978-79	February	1,945	2,202	3,149	r3,216	1,932	r2,246	1,075	r1,145	r34.2	r37.4	r9.1	r10.4	3,021
	March	2,174	2,220							r40.4	r39.0	r9.8	r9.5	3,017
	April	2,087	2,223							r36.2	r37.8	r8.8	r9.4	3,016
	May	2,337	2,251	3,216	r3,290	2,259	r2,235	1,089	1,164	r45.4	40.1	r10.6	r9.2	3,029
	June	2,140	2,220							r40.0	r39.6	r9.8	9.1	3,034
1979-80	July	2,164	2,310							r44.6	r42.4	10.4	r9.4	3,047
	August	2,302	2,300	r3,310	r3,423	r2,192	r2,294	r1,127	r1,195	43.7	39.8	9.7	9.1	3,030
	September	2,164	2,305							36.3	38.6	8.8	9.6	3,023
	October	2,334	2,314							39.8	37.7	10.9	10.1	3,027
	November	2,493	2,350	3,741	3,481	2,719	2,318	1,459	1,234	38.4	38.3	10.0	10.1	3,039
	December	3,154	2,407							32.2	35.1	7.4	8.0	3,047
	January	2,311	r2,472							33.2	38.0	r8.3	10.0	r3,042
	February	2,254	2,424	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	r36.3	r38.1	9.7	10.6	3,039
	March	n.y.a.	n.y.a.							37.1	37.5	10.0	10.1	n.y.a.

(a) Based on the 1973-74 census of retail establishments. (b) Excludes Northern Territory and Australian Capital Territory. (c) Other: excludes motor vehicles, parts, petrol, etc. (d) Comprises light commercial type vehicles, trucks, other truck type vehicles and buses. (e) During the period, amounts financed to new agreements made were: December \$131m, January \$132m, February \$135m.

WAGES, OVERTIME AND RETAIL PRICES

Consumer price index, six capitals, 1966-67 = 100.0 unless otherwise noted (a)														
		Average weekly earnings per employed male unit \$		Weekly wage rates index, adult males (b) 1954 = 100	Average weekly overtime hours per employee (c)									
Month		Original	Seas. adj.		Original	All groups	Food (d)	Clothing	Housing	Household equipment and operation	Transportation	Tobacco and alcohol	Health and personal care (e)	Recreation (f)
		Original	Seas. adj.		Original	Original	Original	Original	Original	Original	Original	Original	Original	Original
1978-79	February	222.80	231.00	571.4	n.a.	262.6	251.9	276.6	294.3	227.8	265.8	286.5	285.4	121.7
	March			571.7	n.a.		251.9							
	April			572.3	n.a.		259.6							
	May	232.80	231.40	572.6	n.a.	269.6	263.3	284.8	299.9	230.5	274.1	290.4	289.3	124.0
	June			590.6	n.a.		267.4							
1979-80	July			591.3	1.3		272.6							
	August	238.40	238.70	591.6	1.4	275.8	270.9	288.6	304.5	235.7	284.4	293.9	293.8	125.2
	September			591.9	1.3		271.5							
	October			592.0	1.4		275.1							
	November	248.00	243.50	595.4	1.5	284.1	276.2	292.9	311.3	240.7	294.7	297.5	335.3	129.4
	December			595.7	1.6		281.2							
	January			n.y.a.	1.2		286.9							
	February	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	1.4	290.3	288.2	295.2	316.8	247.0	296.5	302.8	340.6	133.8
	March			n.y.a.	1.4		291.4							

(a) The composition of the group structure of the Index has been altered with the introduction, from December quarter 1976, of the ninth Consumer Price Index series. (b) Weighted average. Excludes rural. (c) Results of sample surveys of government employers and private payroll taxpayers conducted by the ABS as at the third Friday of the month shown. For further notes relating to these estimates see *Overnight, Australia* (6330-0). (d) Quarterly series may be derived by averaging the three monthly figures. However, in some cases quarterly index numbers so derived differ slightly from the quarterly figure as published in *Consumer Price Index* publications due to rounding. (e) Base December quarter 1968 = 100.0. (f) Base September quarter 1976 = 100.0.

BUILDING, ETC.

										Price indexes (a)		New fixed capital expenditure by private enterprises (\$m)							
		Building approvals \$m		Building approvals dwellings '000 units		Government building approved \$m		Building commenced total \$m		Dwellings commenced '000 units		Materials used in house building		Materials used in building other than house building		New buildings and structures		Other new capital equipment	
Month		Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Original	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	
1978-79	February	560.8	642.6	9.8	10.9	114.8	1,753.2	1,826.0	30.8	31.7	270.9	273.4	452.6	555.7	1,448.5	1,661.2			
	March	582.4	567.8	11.9	11.2	108.0						273.7	275.0						
	April	507.2	536.9	10.2	10.9	81.9						277.2	277.3						
	May	667.5	573.0	13.6	11.7	115.7	1,800.1	1,710.9	32.4	31.3	278.7	278.6	575.5	556.5	1,873.4	1,731.3			
	June	651.7	589.7	12.0	11.3	122.6						280.2	279.3						
1979-80	July	606.8	569.1	12.4	11.9	103.6						283.6	285.2						
	August	611.5	629.2	11.9	12.0	88.5	1,876.2	1,791.7	32.7	31.0	287.6	288.5	531.9	524.0	1,531.1	1,559.7			
	September	625.9	656.1	11.6	11.8	126.9						290.6	290.2						
	October	620.0	556.5	12.9	11.7	63.3						293.4	292.2						
	November	848.3	798.5	13.0	12.4	131.5	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	30.6	32.7	295.0	293.8	1,675.6	1,594.2	1,725.1	1,620.8			
	December	559.3	622.0	9.8	10.7	112.4						297.4	299.3						
	January	568.5	694.8	10.1	12.9	116.5						301.6	304.9						
	February	656.8	725.9	11.3	12.4	146.4	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	308.9	311.1	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.			
	March	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.						314.4	314.1						

(a) Weighted average six State capital cities, 1966-67 = 100.0

FINANCE

Month		Savings banks - depositors' balances (a) \$m		Major trading banks (b)				Finance companies balances outstanding (c) \$m	Housing finance for owner occupation - value of loans approved (d)			Common- wealth bond yield short dated (f) per cent	Listed companies new money raised \$m	Taxation revenue	
				Deposits \$m		Advances \$m			Banks \$m	Permanent building societies \$m	Other lenders (e) \$m			Commonwealth and State consolidated revenue funds \$m	
														Original	Seas. adj.
1978-79	February	19,278	19,171	20,461	19,664	14,304	14,716	16,655	318	204	68	8.77	172.2	2,347	2,423
	March	19,340	19,445	20,852	19,985	14,472	14,779	16,755	316	216	97	9.00		2,227	2,383
	April	19,229	19,559	20,653	20,102	14,950	14,927	16,858	276	176	87	9.61		3,346	2,425
	May	19,462	19,739	19,902	20,195	15,030	14,948	17,046	355	183	109	9.70	127.9	3,233	2,215
	June	19,833	19,865	19,602	20,393	15,012	15,041	17,135	305	166	89	9.94		2,623	2,342
1979-80	July	19,927	19,952	19,550	20,456	15,252	15,213	17,453	303	165	91	9.94		1,887	2,372
	August	20,131	20,059	19,958	20,611	15,380	15,400	17,497	354	179	100	9.94	497.2	2,606	2,612
	September	20,247	20,095	20,313	20,785	15,708	15,657	17,681	305	173	87	9.95		1,883	2,508
	October	20,364	20,159	20,993	21,025	16,216	15,830	17,846	356	208	96	9.94		2,114	2,553
	November	20,412	20,325	21,459	21,514	16,408	16,176	18,135	312	213	103	9.96	844.0	2,746	2,591
	December	20,575	20,486	22,150	21,840	16,612	16,448	18,274	245	162	93	9.97		1,892	2,443
	January	20,774	20,720	22,996	22,288	16,564	16,723	18,338	342	182	94	10.38		2,629	2,808.1
	February	20,964	20,856	23,235	22,333	16,558	17,033	18,386	328	226	104	10.75	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.
	March	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	23,394	22,427	16,831	17,190	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.		n.y.a.	n.y.a.

(a) Excludes external territories. (b) Includes external territories. (c) Amounts shown relate to all types of finance agreements and provide a broad overall measure of finance company activity. For further details see the monthly publication *Finance Companies* (5614.0). (d) Includes loans for alterations and additions. (e) Includes terminating building societies, finance companies, credit unions, insurance companies and government instrumentalities. (f) This series was previously based on rebate bonds which were issued prior to 1 November 1968. Income on these bonds was subject to income tax at current rates less a rebate of 10 cents in each dollar of Australian Government loan interest included in taxable income. The series is now based on non-rebate bonds.

NATIONAL ACCOUNTS (a) (\$m)

NATIONAL ACCOUNTS (in '000)															
Quarter		Gross domestic product		Gross farm product		Gross non-farm product		Final consumption expenditure				Gross fixed capital expenditure			
								Private		Government		Private		Public	
		Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.
AT CURRENT PRICES															
1978-79	December	27,040	24,971	2,382	1,634	24,658	23,337	15,917	15,127	4,283	4,124	3,779	3,581	2,105	2,029
	March	25,312	25,866	2,183	1,680	23,129	24,186	14,969	15,644	3,974	4,238	3,337	3,707	1,812	2,103
	June	25,110	26,260	1,088	1,843	24,022	24,417	15,870	15,931	4,429	4,271	4,010	3,802	2,551	2,143
1979-80)	September	27,027	27,393	1,467	1,908	25,560	25,485	16,262	16,415	4,334	4,394	3,705	3,742	1,942	2,132
	December	30,893	28,024	3,426	1,962	27,467	26,062	17,846	16,914	4,703	4,528	4,016	3,808	2,328	2,247
	March	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.

AT AVERAGE 1974-75 PRICES

1978-79	December	18,868	17,127	2,117	1,320	16,751	15,807	10,450	9,945	2,972	2,883	2,478	2,356	1,430	1,378
	March	17,028	17,178	1,828	1,249	15,200	15,929	9,617	10,047	2,685	2,844	2,137	2,367	1,190	1,372
	June	15,886	17,041	483	1,298	15,403	15,743	9,997	10,030	2,964	2,853	2,508	2,380	1,639	1,384
1979-80	September	17,047	17,331	793	1,197	16,254	16,134	9,974	10,072	2,811	2,852	2,271	2,288	1,208	1,325
	December	19,651	17,506	2,399	1,164	17,252	16,342	10,763	10,199	2,978	2,884	2,400	2,285	1,413	1,364
	March	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.

AT CURRENT PRICES - continued

Quarter		Imports of goods and services		Exports of goods and services		Gross operating surplus of trading enterprises				Wages, salaries and supplements		Income of farm unincorporated enterprises	Other household income	Less direct taxes, etc. (b)	Household disposable income
						Companies		Other							
		Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Original	Original	Original
1978-79	December	4,277	4,323	3,978	3,851	3,273	2,807	6,775	5,618	14,066	13,559	1,737	21,152	2,932	19,957
	March	4,311	4,311	4,232	4,336	2,369	2,796	6,015	5,789	13,754	14,206	1,538	20,220	3,686	18,072
	June	4,589	4,601	4,590	4,578	2,715	2,800	4,924	6,060	14,295	14,327	475	21,805	5,616	16,665
1979-80	September	4,579	4,541	4,782	4,839	3,017	3,004	5,995	6,199	14,824	14,878	815	21,846	3,169	19,492
	December	5,076	5,118	5,660	5,476	3,670	3,125	8,302	6,383	15,672	15,210	2,674	24,677	3,495	22,856
	March	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.

(a) All figures on this page have been revised since the last issue. (b) Direct taxes deducted are those paid or payable by persons to general government. These include income tax paid and estate and gift duties, all other direct taxes, fees for service of a regulatory character and fines and gifts paid. Also deducted here are consumer debt interest and transfers to overseas.

CIVILIAN LABOUR FORCE (a) ('000)

UNEMPLOYED PERSONS (b) ('000)

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CIVILIAN LABOUR FORCE (a) (000)							UNEMPLOYED PERSONS (b) (000)							Survey estimates (d)
Month	Males		Females		Persons		Looking for full-time		Looking for part-time work	Total				
	Original	Seas. adj. (c)	Original	Seas. adj. (c)	Original	Seas. adj. (c)	Males	Females		Males	Females	Persons		
1978-79	February	4,135.4	4,101.4	2,337.5	2,326.4	6,472.9	6,427.9	229.5	152.2	72.3	241.8	212.1	453.9	n.a.
	March	4,127.4		2,359.2		6,486.6		206.6	146.9	71.4	223.1	201.8	425.0	
	April	4,124.6		2,348.5		6,473.1		202.1	144.2	70.4	217.2	199.5	416.8	
	May	4,118.9	4,111.4	2,321.0	2,315.3	6,439.9	6,426.9	197.7	137.5	61.4	210.6	186.0	396.6	34.3
	June	4,115.6		2,331.3		6,446.9		192.8	130.7	65.8	206.0	183.3	389.3	
1979-80	July	4,112.4		2,337.7		6,450.1		188.2	131.3	63.0	201.6	181.0	382.5	
	August	4,100.7	4,121.1	2,314.6	2,323.7	6,415.3	6,444.5	182.8	130.1	60.8	196.1	177.7	373.8	33.0
	September	4,140.9		2,373.7		6,514.6		184.7	138.3	73.5	201.6	194.9	396.5	
	October	4,126.8		2,386.2		6,513.0		178.1	133.5	76.2	195.9	191.8	387.8	
	November	4,115.0	4,136.6	2,396.2	2,404.9	6,511.2	6,541.4	171.5	125.1	64.1	183.8	176.8	360.6	34.3
	December	4,216.4		2,430.4		6,646.8		202.2	151.6	73.1	224.2	202.7	426.9	
	January	4,179.9		2,337.0		6,516.9		226.9	154.1	56.9	242.3	195.5	437.8	
	February	4,190.6	4,155.8	2,428.0	2,416.8	6,618.6	6,572.5	215.2	160.5	68.8	230.4	214.1	444.5	37.8
	March	4,182.6		2,473.0		6,655.6		197.6	144.0	72.8	212.8	201.6	414.4	

(a) Civilians aged 15 years and over. The labour force is the sum of the employed and the unemployed. (b) Labour force survey estimates. Suspension of seasonally adjusted unemployment estimates is explained in the November 1977 issue of *The Labour Force, Australia* (6203.0). (c) Seasonally adjusted estimates available only for February, May, August and November. (d) Results of sample surveys of government employers and private payroll taxpayers conducted by the ABS as at the third Friday of the month shown. For further notes relating to these estimates see *Job Vacancies, May 1979* (6231.0).

CIVILIAN EMPLOYEES (a) ('000)

Total civilian employees

Principal industries

Total civilian employees														Private business				Government			
		Males		Females		Persons		Private		Government		Manufacturing		Wholesale and retail trade							
Month		Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.						
1978-79	February	3,101.9	3,098.2	1,857.9	1,861.6	4,959.8	4,959.8	3,453.2	3,453.9	1,506.6	1,505.9	1,164.2	1,160.6	994.2	997.5						
	March	3,110.3	3,100.9	1,869.1	1,865.3	4,979.4	4,966.2	3,467.4	3,458.2	1,512.0	1,508.0	1,170.0	1,163.1	997.1	999.0						
	April	3,107.4	3,098.8	1,871.1	1,867.6	4,978.4	4,966.4	3,463.9	3,458.6	1,514.5	1,507.8	1,164.3	1,162.0	999.0	999.4						
	May	3,111.9	3,102.1	1,874.8	1,871.9	4,986.7	4,974.0	3,471.0	3,465.3	1,515.7	1,508.7	1,166.1	1,164.6	1,001.5	1,000.9						
	June (b)	3,105.2	3,100.1	1,875.8	1,874.9	4,981.0	4,975.0	3,465.9	3,466.1	1,515.1	1,508.9	1,164.5	1,165.6	997.6	998.6						
1979-80	July (b)	3,097.8	3,098.0	1,882.2	1,881.2	4,980.0	4,979.2	3,463.8	3,469.4	1,516.2	1,509.8	1,163.4	1,166.5	997.6	1,000.2						
	August	3,101.9	3,107.3	1,884.8	1,886.1	4,986.7	4,993.4	3,469.9	3,479.7	1,516.8	1,513.7	1,165.1	1,169.0	996.6	1,001.5						
	September	3,104.1	3,113.0	1,892.6	1,892.6	4,996.7	5,005.6	3,479.8	3,488.0	1,516.8	1,517.6	1,167.5	1,170.3	1,002.9	1,006.9						
	October	3,107.1	3,116.2	1,900.7	1,895.8	5,007.8	5,012.0	3,491.6	3,492.6	1,516.3	1,519.4	1,170.7	1,169.3	1,007.9	1,007.5						
	November	3,112.3	3,115.1	1,908.3	1,896.2	5,020.7	5,011.3	3,503.4	3,490.7	1,517.3	1,520.6	1,168.8	1,165.9	1,019.5	1,011.8						
	December	3,110.4	3,112.4	1,901.4	1,902.1	5,011.7	5,014.5	3,498.8	3,490.4	1,512.9	1,521.4	1,163.1	1,166.0	1,012.5	1,008.8						
	January	3,111.9	3,120.1	1,883.2	1,906.4	4,995.1	5,026.5	3,489.5	3,504.8	1,505.6	1,521.7	1,163.8	1,169.0	1,013.1	1,017.3						
	February	3,115.6	3,111.8	1,899.4	1,903.1	5,015.0	5,014.9	3,494.1	3,494.7	1,520.9	1,520.2	1,166.1	1,162.3	1,007.7	1,010.9						
	March	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.						

(a) The estimates contained in this table are based on revised benchmarks established by analysing data from the 1971 and 1976 population censuses, labour force surveys, economic censuses and surveys, payroll tax returns and returns from government bodies. For more detailed estimates and an explanation of the methods used to revise them refer to the July issue of *Civilian Employees* (6213.0). Employees in agriculture and private domestic service, and defence forces are excluded. (b) Affected by industrial dispute.

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